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personnel of the regiments participated in other training courses, such as technicians in Cottbus from October 1952 to May 1953, headquarters officers in Cottbus from December 1952 to May 1953, and mechanics in Kamenz II from October 1952 to July 1953. In February 1953, 102 MiG-15s arrived for the division in Cottbus and were test flown by Soviet pilots. These aircraft were immediately transferred to Soviet airfields after the 17 June riots. In May 1953, the 2d Air Regt and 2d Air Tech Base in Kamenz II were transferred to Drewitz. In October 1953, each of the 3 air regiments was equipped with 10 Yak-18s and started training without the Soviet instruction units. The officers who had been detached to Kuybyshev in the USSR for training on Yak-18s and Yak-11s returned to the GDR in November 1953, and about 80 of these new pilots were assigned to each air regiment. At about the same time, the 3 air regiments were reorganized into 3 divisions with the code designation Aeroclub. The 1st Aeroclub with 3 regiments which again were called Kommandos, was quartered in Cottbus, the 2d Aeroclub with 2 Kommandos in Drewitz, and the 3rd Aeroclub with 3 Kommandos in Bautzen.

3. In April 1954, the 2d Kommando of the 2d Aeroclub was transferred from Drewitz to Jocksdorf where a new airfield had been built. At the same time, the newly organized 5th Air Tech Base also transferred to Jocksdorf. In November 1954, the 2d Aeroclub was filled up to its authorized strength and the 3rd Kommando of this Aeroclub was organized. At the same time, all technicians and mechanics who had terminated their training courses with the air technical school were transferred to the Aeroclubs. In May 1954, all kommandos had completed training on Yak-18s and started training with Yak-11s.
4. In October 1955, the establishment of Kamenz pilot school was started. For lack of space, a squadron of this school was transferred to Jocksdorf in November 1955. This squadron moved to a factory airfield in Schleuditz in April 1956 and finally to the newly taken-over airfield at Brandenburg-Briest in October/November 1956. In October 1955, a Lufthansa training course (Hq No 209) was established in Jocksdorf. The pilots and technical personnel were selected from all VP/L units. The VP/L pilots were retrained by AeroClub pilots on commercial aircraft of type Il-14.
5. Flight training was completed in August 1956. A portion of the flying and technical personnel subsequently joined the East German Lufthansa, while the other pilots were transferred to Dessau where a new VP/L pilot school was in the initial stage of organization. In June 1956, the leading flying personnel started training on MiG-15s with Soviet instructors. The administration of the VP/L in Cottbus was taken over by the NVA in May 1956 and the 1st Aeroclub was taken over in June 1956 and simultaneously redesignated 1st Ftr Div. A wing of the new 1st Ftr Div participated in the maneuvers on Rugen Island in August/September 1956. In September 1956, the 3rd Aeroclub and 4th Air Tech Base in Bautzen were unexpectedly dissolved after an inspection by a commission of the NVA Main Hq, and the personnel were transferred to other VP/L units. As was rumored among the other VP/L units, the disbanding was caused by the poor political reliability of the personnel. On 10 October 1956, the 2d Aeroclub was taken over by the NVA as 3rd Ftr Div. The reorganization of the East German Air Force, which started with the taking over of units by the NVA, has not yet been completed.

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6. The individual units of the East German Air Force were stationed at the following locations:

| <u>Location</u> | <u>Unit</u> |
|---|--|
| Strausberg near Berlin Billets of NVA Main Sq | Liaison Staff Air Force |
| Cottbus airfield | Chief of NVA/Luft and Air Defense Staff of NVA/Luft 1st Ftr Div with 1st Ftr Wing 2d Ftr Wing 3rd Ftr Wing Staff of Rear Services with guard battalion transport battalion 1st Air Tech Bn Prosecutor's Office Office of Ministry for State Security (MfS) |
| Cottbus House of officers | Administration of Cottbus Army Sport Club Cultural Chief |
| Drewitz airfield | Hq 3rd Ftr Div with 7th Ftr Wing and 9th Ftr Wing 2d Air Tech Bn Airfield construction battalion |
| Jockendorf airfield | 8th Ftr Wing of 3rd Ftr Div, post office Box 3934 in Forst, telephone Forst 702 5th Air Tech Bn |
| Bautzen airfield | Under construction Training courses of Rear Services |
| Kamenz | |
| Object I former Panzer Kaserne along Macher Strasse | Air technical school |
| Object II former Panzer Kaserne along the road to Zschornau | Fighter pilot school with headquarters and 1st Eng Regt 3rd Air Tech Bn |

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| Augustushad near Radburg | Training units of Rear Services |
| Dessau airfield | Pilot school |
| IFA House | 6th Air Tech Bn 1 |
| Brandenburg/Briest airfield | 3rd Tng Regt of Kamenz fighter school |
| Hoggenthin airfield | Advance detail of Rear Services |
| Neubrandenburg airfield | Advance detail of Rear Services |
| Rothenburg airfield | Advance detail of Rear Services |
| Area of Pasewalk-Prenzlau airfield (pin-point location unidentified) | Advance detail of Rear Services |
| Luckau-Alteno airfield | Advance detail of Rear Services 2 |
| Goerlitz | Central supply depot of NVA/Luft |
| Klotzsche near Dresden | Supply depot for aircraft spare parts |
| Chemnitz | Supply depot for engines and jet engines |
| Bad Saarow near Scharmutzel Lake | NVA hospital, 95 percent occupied by NVA/Luft personnel |
| Oberwiesenthal recreation center | Sport training courses and health resort for flying personnel |
| Neuhausen airfield near Cottbus | 3 NVA/Luft flying instructors |
| Riesa/Elbe airfield both airfields assigned to Association for Sport and Technique (GST) | 3 NVA/Luft flying instructors |

7. Previous designations and numbers assigned to the individual headquarters were changed into the following new designations:

| <u>No. and Old Designation</u> | <u>New Designation</u> |
|---|------------------------------|
| 209 Lufthansa training course in Jocksdorf, dissolved on 5 November 1956 | Dessau flying school |
| 300 | Administration Rear Services |
| 301 Cottbus Air Tech Base | 1st Air Tech Bn |
| 302 Dresitz Air Tech Base | 2d Air Tech Bn |

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| 303 Kamenz Air Tech Base | 3rd Air Tech Bn |
| 304 Bautzen Air Tech Base, dissolved in September 1956 | |
| 305 Jocksdorf Air Tech Base | 5th Air Tech Bn |
| 312/13 Goerlitz supply depot | Central supply depot of NVA/Luft |
| 400 | Augustusbad training headquarters |
| 500 | Kamenz air technical school |
| 501 | Kamenz fighter school |
| 600 1st Aeroclub Cottbus | 1st Ftr Div in Cottbus |
| 601 1st Kommando Cottbus | 1st Ftr Wing in Cottbus |
| 602 2d Kommando Cottbus | 2d Ftr Wing in Cottbus |
| 603 3rd Kommando Cottbus | 3rd Ftr Wing in Cottbus |
| 700 2d Aeroclub Drewitz | 3rd Ftr Div in Drewitz |
| 701 1st Kommando Drewitz | 7th Ftr Wing in Drewitz |
| 702 2d Kommando Jocksdorf | 8th Ftr Wing in Jocksdorf |
| 703 3rd Kommando Drewitz | 9th Ftr Wing in Drewitz |
| 800 3rd Aeroclub Bautzen, dissolved in September 1956 | |
| 801 1st Kommando Bautzen, dissolved in September 1956 | |
| 802 2d Kommando Bautzen, dissolved in September 1956 | |

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3rd Kommando Bautzen,
dissolved in September 1956.

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8. The NVA/Luft was organized as follows:

Location

Chief of NVA/Luft and Air Defense with chief of staff, 2 main sections including a political section and an air engineer section, and 15 sections Cottbus

Hq NVA/Luft Cottbus

Liaison staff to NVA Main Staff Strausberg

Strategic Air Force Cottbus

Rear Services Cottbus

Instruction centers Cottbus

Air Defense in initial stage Cottbus

A transfer to Strausberg of the NVA/Luft in Cottbus was not planned. The liaison staff to the NVA Hq in Strausberg has been increased since the VP/L was taken over by the NVA. 4

9. The organization of the liaison staff to the NVA Main Staff was not known. In January 1957, Major Boehme (fmu), chief of the Operations Staff of the NVA/Luft was transferred to Strausberg, presumably as chief of a larger liaison staff. The following officers of the staff were known:

Major Sommerschuh (fmu)

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Senior Lieutenant Schmidt (fmu)

10. The Strategic Air Force was organized as follows:

Chief of NVA/Luft Cottbus

Staff NVA/Luft Cottbus

Signal battalion Cottbus

1st Ftr Div Cottbus

3rd Ftr Div Drewitz and Jocksdorf 5

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The post of the Chief of NVA/Luft was not occupied until early March 1957, but it was assumed that Lieutenant Colonel Bitterlich (fm), Chief of Staff of 1st Ftr Div, would become chief. The following schools were assigned to the Strategic Air Force:

Kamenz fighter school
 Dessau bomber school 6
 Kamenz air technical school

The signal battalion was organized into:

Staff
 Radar company
 Radio company
 Teletype and telephone company

The radar company with 4 platoons and equipped with P-8 radar sets was detached to Cottbus, Drewitz and Jocksdorf airfields.

The radio company with at least 6 stations, i. e. 6 platoons, was employed in Cottbus. The radio installations of type RAS and RSK were for VHF, and RAF for short wave. No information was available on the staff and teletype/telephone company.

11. The 1st Ftr Div in Cottbus was organized into:

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|------------------------|---------|
| Staff | Cottbus |
| Signal Company | Cottbus |
| 1st, 2d, and 3rd Wings | Cottbus |
| 1st Air Tech Bn | Cottbus |

The authorized and actual strengths were as follows:

| Unit | Authorized Strength | | | Actual Strength | | |
|----------------|---------------------|------|-----|-----------------|------|-----|
| | Officers | NCOs | EM | Officers | NCOs | EM |
| Staff | 63 | 27 | 48 | 63 | 27 | 48 |
| Signal Company | 5 | 8 | 55 | 5 | 8 | 55 |
| 1st Ftr Wing | 113 | 184 | 10 | 100 | 116 | 37 |
| 2d Ftr Wing | 113 | 184 | 10 | 100 | 116 | 37 |
| 3rd Ftr Wing | 113 | 184 | 10 | 100 | 116 | 37 |
| Total | 407 | 587 | 133 | 368 | 333 | 214 |

The EM exceeding the authorized strength were members of the disbanded units from Bautzen.

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12. Each division had an authorized strength of 124 aircraft including

- 1 leading flight of the division with 4 aircraft
- 3 leading flights of the wings with 12 aircraft
- 9 squadrons of the division with 108 aircraft
- Total 124 aircraft

The actual aircraft strength was as follows:

- a. 60 MiG-15s, single-seat combat aircraft of Czech make, armed with 1x37-mm gun of type N and 2 guns either of new type NS, 23 mm, or of older type NR, 33 mm

Of these 60 aircraft, 20 each were at Cottbus airfield (1st Ftr Div), at Drewitz airfield (3rd Ftr Div), and at Jocksdorf airfield (1st and 3rd Ftr Divs). At these airfields, training courses with MiG-15s were started in May 1956 and were probably completed in April 1957. The pilots of the former 3rd Aeroclub Bautzen practiced at Jocksdorf airfield since no concrete runway was available in Bautzen. After disbanding Bautzen Aeroclub, the pilots of this unit were assigned to the 1st and 3rd Ftr Divs but continued training with their previous course in Jocksdorf. After completion of MiG-15 training, these pilots transferred to their new headquarters, i. e. 1st Ftr Div in Cottbus, 3rd Ftr Div in Drewitz, and 3rd Ftr Div in Jocksdorf.

- b. Twelve UMIG-15s, two-seater trainers of Czech make, armed with 1x12.7-mm machine gun. Of these 12 aircraft, 4 each were assigned to the 1st Ftr Div at Cottbus airfield, the 3rd Ftr Div at Drewitz airfield, and the 1st and 3rd Ftr Divs at Jocksdorf airfield.
- c. Ninety Yak-11s, armed with 1x12.7-mm machine gun of type UB, firing through propeller at upper right side. Of these 90 aircraft, 30 were assigned to the training regiment of Kamenz fighter school at Brandenburg-Briest airfield, 30 to the 1st Ftr Div at Cottbus airfield, 20 to the 7th and 9th Wings at Drewitz airfield, and 10 to the 8th Ftr Wing at Jocksdorf airfield.
- d. Forty Yak-18s without armament. Of these 40 aircraft, 4 were assigned to the Staff NVA/Luft and 1st Ftr Div at Cottbus airfield, 2 to the 3rd Ftr Div at Drewitz airfield, 26 to the fighter school at Kamenz airfield, 4 each were stationed at Riesa and Neuhausen airfields and were lent to the GST.
- e. Three Il-14s without armament, Soviet commercial aircraft, borrowed from the East German Lufthansa, stationed at Dessau airfield where a bomber school was located.
- f. Three AN-2s, 14-seater Soviet transports, without armament, used for parachuting, stationed at Cottbus airfield where the Staff NVA/Luft was located.
- g. Three TRENNERs, 4-seater trainers and sport aircraft of Czech make, without armament, used for towing gliders. Of these aircraft, 2 were stationed at Cottbus airfield where the Staff NVA/Luft was located and

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1 was at Kamen airfield and was lent by the Staff NVA/Luft to the flying school.

- h. One SOKOL, a 4-seater sport plane of Czech make, without armament, stationed at Cottbus airfield, used as a sport plane by the Staff NVA/Luft.

Following the Soviet pattern, the aircraft were covered with tarpaulins and parked in the open, always ready to take off. The hangars at the fields were used as repair hangars and for the parking of aircraft in need of repair. The TRENER and SOKOL sport aircraft at Cottbus airfield were always parked in a hangar. In May 1956, the first MiGs flown by Czech pilots and coming from Czechoslovakia arrived in Cottbus. They were accepted by a mixed commission of aircraft engineers, engineers for special equipment, armament and radio equipment, and members of the flying personnel. The aircraft destined for Drewitz and Jocksdorf airfields were flown to these fields by the advisors. In 1957, it was planned to equip the individual units with MiG-15s to their full authorized strength (124 aircraft for each Ftr Div). The new series of Yak-11s with nose wheel has been delivered to the flying school in order to facilitate future training with MiG-15s.

13. The 3rd Ftr Div had the same organization and strength as the 1st Ftr Div and superior to the 7th Ftr Wing in Drewitz with the 2d Air Tech Bn, the 8th Ftr Wing in Jocksdorf with the 5th Air Tech Bn, and the 9th Ftr Wing in Drewitz. The organization was as follows:

Staff

Commander
General deputy
Deputy flight training
Chief of political section
Senior engineer
Chief of staff
Cadre section

Signal Company

3 radio platoons each with 2 radio stations
1 telephone platoon

1st Ftr Wing

Staff of leading flight consisting of 4 aircraft
3 squadrons

Staff with squadron commander
general deputy
deputy flight training
deputy political officer
engineer of wing
chief of staff
chief of cadre section
operational officer

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Squadron with commander
 3 flights with a total of 12 aircraft
 engineer of squadron
 chief of staff 7

14. The rear services were organized as follows:

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| Chief of rear services | Colonel Alter (fmu) | Cottbus |
| Chief of political section | | |
| Chief of staff | | |
| Deputy Technique | | |
| Deputy supply | | |
| Chief medical officer | | |
| Staff of rear services | | Cottbus |
| with guard battalion | | Cottbus |
| central transport battalion | | Cottbus |
| airfield construction battalion | | Drewitz |
| signal company | | Cottbus |
| training courses for supply personnel | | Augustusbad and Bautzen |
| 5 air technical battalions | | |
| 5 air technical battalions (initial stage) | | |
| supply depot | | |

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15. The NVA/Luft training centers such as Kamenz fighter school, Dessau bomber school and Kamenz air technical school were directly subordinate to the Chief of NVA/Luft. By order of this chief, the training section of Staff NVA/Luft directed the training program together with the individual sections.

- a. The fighter school at Kamenz, with Colonel Lehmis-Litzmann (fmu) as chief, was organized into the staff with a training section and 3 training regiments, and the subordinate 3rd Air Tech Bn. The authorized strength of the fighter school was estimated as follows:

Cadre personnel 303 officers
 66 NCOs
 75 EM

Student pilots 675 officer candidates

| | Officers | NCOs | EM | Student Pilots |
|----------------------------|----------|------|----|----------------|
| Staff and training section | 60 | 30 | 30 | - |
| 1st Tng Regt | 81 | 12 | 15 | 225 |
| 2d Tng Regt | 81 | 12 | 15 | 225 |
| 3rd Tng Regt | 81 | 12 | 15 | 225 |
| Total | 303 | 66 | 75 | 675 |

Until 5 March 1957, the staff and training section were not yet filled up to their authorized strength. The number of student pilots amounted

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to about 150. Each training regiment was organized into 3 squadrons. The status of the individual training regiments was as follows:

1st Tng Regt, training on Yak-18s at Kamens, staff incomplete, 2 incomplete squadrons, 3rd Sq not yet organized.

2d Tng Regt, is to train with Yak-11s in Bautzen after completion of runway, incomplete staff still in Kamens, squadrons not yet organized.

3rd Tng Regt is to train with MiG-15s at Brandenburg-Briest airfield, staff still incomplete, on squadron training with Yak-11s in Brandenburg-Briest.

Training with one aircraft type in each training regiment was scheduled to last one year. After 3 years of training, the students will make their state examination and be promoted to officers.

- b. The bomber school in Dessau was in the initial stage of organization. On 5 March 1957, personnel in Dessau included 8 officers who had participated in a training course in Jocksdorf but had not received flight training for lack of aircraft and 25 officers who, after flight training in the USSR, returned to the GDR on 10 February 1957 and were given a 4-week leave before being transferred to Dessau bomber school. About 6 officers, who had received flight training in Jocksdorf and subsequently had been taken over by the Lufthansa, were expected to return to the NVA/Luft and were scheduled to become flight instructors at Dessau bomber school. Commander of the school was Captain Weise (fm) who still flew for the East German Lufthansa but repeatedly came to Dessau to witness activity there. In mid-February 1957, the bomber school was equipped with 3 IL-14s of the East German Lufthansa. Training activity had not yet started, although more than 20 student pilots and officer candidates had already arrived.

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- c. The air technical school in Kamens was organized as follows:

Staff with training section
3 training battalions for technicians
2 training battalions for mechanics

The authorized strength included 5 training battalions but the number of battalions actually changed according to the requirement and number of inducted trainees. The authorized strength of the air technical school was not definitely determined but estimated as follows:

| | Officers | NCOs | EM | Trainees |
|-----------------------------|----------|------|----|----------|
| Staff with training section | 95 | 35 | 25 | - |
| 1st Bn | 18 | 4 | 4 | 180 |
| 2d Bn | 18 | 4 | 4 | 180 |
| 3rd Bn | 18 | 4 | 4 | 180 |
| 4th Bn | 18 | 4 | 4 | 180 |
| 5th Bn | 18 | 4 | 4 | 180 |
| Total | 185 | 55 | 45 | 900 |

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Each battalion was organized into:

| | Officers | NCOs | EM | Trainees |
|-------------|----------|------|----|----------|
| Staff | 3 | 1 | 1 | - |
| 1st Company | 5 | 1 | 1 | 60 |
| 2d Company | 5 | 1 | 1 | 60 |
| 3rd Company | 5 | 1 | 1 | 60 |
| Total | 15 | 4 | 4 | 180 |

[redacted] a smaller number of trainees actually participated in the courses, but it was expected that the number will increase by the organization of new units and the filling-up of available units. In this connection, [redacted] in May 1957, 75 to 95 percent of the mechanics had fulfilled their term of service and that a large portion of them will undoubtedly return to civilian professions. So far, each training course numbered 20 trainees, with 3 classes forming a company. When the number of trainees was below that rate, not all battalions were filled up with trainees but only the first battalions which were possibly filled to over authorized strength with considerably more students in each class than 20. After the final examination, the mechanics and technicians were detached to the strategic units as NCOs and officers respectively.

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16. The Soviet advisors were approved by the Commander-in-Chief of the Warsaw Pact Armed Forces, Marshal Konyev, usually after a long procedure which usually lasted several months. So far, Soviet advisors were assigned to the following NVA/Luft officers:

Chief of NVA/Luft Colonel Ivanov, chief of a flying school
 Chief of Staff
 Chief of Main Political Section
 Chief Engineer

Deputy Training
 MFS officer with Staff NVA/Luft
 Division Commanders
 Chief of Staff of Division
 Deputy Flight Training of Division
 Chief of Political Section of Division
 Senior Engineer of Division
 Wing Commanders of Division
 Commanders of Schools

Chief of Rear Services
 Chief of Medical Service
 Chief of Political Section of Rear Services
 Chief of Staff Rear Services
 Deputy Technique
 Deputy Supply
 Commanders of Air Technical Battalions

The advisors ranking from major to colonel were usually detached from a unit that was one degree higher in rank than the unit to which they were assigned.

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17. Advisor of the division commander of the 3rd Ftr Div was Colonel Kopilov (fmu), commander of a guard air division. He had the same rank as the German officer to whom he was assigned, [redacted]

[redacted] Advisor of the chief of the 8th Ftr Wing in Jocksdorf was an unidentified chief of flight training with a Soviet division. The chief of all Soviet advisors with the NVA/Luft was Colonel Ivanov. Almost all of the advisors knew each other from their service time in the USSR. Before the Aeroclubs were taken over by the NVA, the advisors mostly wore the VP/Luft uniform with their proper rank insignia and, at special occasions, Soviet uniform.

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18. The Soviet advisors had influence on the entire military service. Brigadier General Kessler and Brigadier General Zorn were always accompanied by their advisors with whom they talked in Russian without interpreters. The other officers who had been assigned advisors depended in every decision on the approval of these advisors. The advisors with the air units who were always present during flight training, payed much attention to the flight training and flying efficiency of each individual pilot. Generally, the Soviet advisors were detached to the NVA/Luft for 18 to 24 months, had no subordinates, and were considerably independent except that they were occasionally controlled by the superior advisors with whom they were on friendly terms. However, it happened occasionally that they were reproved by their superiors [redacted]

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All Soviet advisors assigned to air units had to go to the Soviet airfield for 1 or 2 days once every 3 months in order to prove their flying technique and to control flight service. The following Soviet advisors were known:

Advisor to Chief of NVA/Luft
and Air Defense

Colonel Ivanov, chief of a flying
school in the USSR

Advisor to commander of 3rd Ftr Div Colonel Kopilov (fmu)

Advisor to chief of staff of
3rd Ftr Div

Colonel ?, [redacted]
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Advisor to 9th Ftr Wing

Lieutenant Colonel Dolyunov (fnu)

Advisor to 8th Ftr Wing
until June 1956

Colonel Lebas (fnu)

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Advisor to 5th Air Tech Bn

Major Kapustin (fnu)

The Soviet advisors were on friendly terms with the flying personnel during flight training as well as during social gatherings.

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21. [redacted] there are plans to extend the NVA/Luft and Air Defense by organizing both the Staff of the Chief of NVA/Luft and Air Defense and the Staff of the Chief of NVA/Luft. After completed organization, the Staff of the Chief of NVA/Luft will simultaneously perform the duties of a corps headquarters staff until it is decided whether an air corps will be organized or whether the divisions will continue to be directly subordinate to the Chief of NVA/Luft. [redacted]

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[redacted] The organization of the Staff of the Chief of NVA/Luft, which started in January 1957, was presumably completed in April 1957. Both the Staff of the Chief of NVA/Luft and Air Defense and the Staff of NVA/Luft are located in Cottbus. [redacted]

[redacted] The corps headquarters staff, if actually organized, would probably be stationed in Cottbus or possibly in Drewitz. 9

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22. The following transfers were planned for 1957:

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| Unit | To |
|------------------------|--|
| 1st Ftr Div with Staff | Drewitz |
| 1 wing | Drewitz |
| 1 wing | Joeksdorf |
| 1 wing | Rothenburg |
| 3rd Ftr Div with Staff | Roggenthin (?) |
| 1 wing | Roggenthin (?) |
| 1 wing | Neubrandenburg |
| 1 wing | u/1 airfield in Pasewalk-Frenzlaue area, presumably Marxwalde. 10 |

Each of these airfields will be occupied by an air technical battalion. In addition, one air technical division will be organized both with the 1st Ftr Div and the 3rd Ftr Div.

23. The organization of a school for airborne units in Dresden was planned, but the pin-point location and other details were not yet known.

1. Comment. The 6th Air Tech Bn reportedly stationed in Dessau was assumed to be in Kamens; in the meantime, this battalion has been dissolved except for one company.
2. Comment. Advance details of Rear Services at unoccupied airfields are responsible for general maintenance work and are not necessarily indications as to an expected occupation.
3.
4. Comment. For organization of Chief of NVA/Luft and Rear Services, see Annexes 1, 1a, and 1b. For organization of Main Political Section and Air Technical Service, see Annexes 2 and 3. For organization of 15 sections, see Annex 4.
5. Comment. For organization and officers of 1st and 3rd Ftr Divs, see Annexes 5 and 6.
6. Comment. It is believed that an air transport school is located in Dessau.
7. Comment. For organization of Staff of 1st and 3rd Ftr Divs and staff of one fighter wing, see Annexes 7a, 7b, 7c, and 8.
8. Comment. For organization of Rear Services and 5th Air Tech Bn (as example, see Annexes 9 and 10).
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10. Comment. [redacted] one wing each was transferred from Cottbus to Drawitz and Jeeksdorf in late 1956/1957. Other transfers are not known.

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Main Section Polit

Legend:

1 Main Section Polit:

This section controls political indoctrination and political reliability of troops.

2 Deputy Chief:

He maintains liaison to the civilian sector.

3 Chairman of Party Control Commission:

He admits and excludes party members and candidates, and commences legal proceedings.

4 Deputy Party Work:

He controls party work of subordinated headquarters, such as Organization, Party Treasury, and Propaganda.

5 Deputy for FdJ Work:

He has the same functions as No 4.

6 Chief Marxist-Leninist Indoctrination:

He is in charge of political indoctrination of officers, at least 8 lessons per month.

7 Chief Propaganda Section:

He is responsible for political indoctrination of EM.

8 Chief agitation Section:

He procures and distributes propaganda material, such as banners, leaflets, etc. to subordinated units.

9 Chief "House for Officers":

He is in charge of the "House for Officers" in Cottbus, which had formerly housed the Soviet komendatura. He is also responsible for cultural performances, such as theater, motion pictures, etc.

10 Chief Cultural Section:

He is responsible for all cultural performances within NVA/Luft and forwards all incoming requests to the "Deutsche Gastspielfdirektion"

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(German cultural performance agency).

11 Chief Party Schools:

He controls party schools in the NVA/Luft area. Each division and separate unit of more than regimental strength is to be assigned a party school. The party school for the HQ NVA/Luft is located in Cottbus. One-year courses are held at these schools for personnel selected by the Party Control Commission regardless of rank. Each party school has 60 students in 3 classes with one day of political indoctrination per week. The students are free of duty, even free of flight training.

12 Instructors for Political Training:

They control political indoctrination and hold examinations. Almost every 2 weeks the instructors inspected the 8th Ftr Wing. One officer examined the indoctrination of EM and another one the indoctrination of officers.

13 Chief Libraries:

He supervises NVA/Luft libraries, procures and distributes reading material. One library is assigned to each NVA/Luft installation. About 60 percent of the books deal with political topics, such as "The History of the Communist Party", "Lenin", "Ulbricht", and other works of party leaders. Belletristic books include translations of Russian authors, as well as German authors, such as Thomas Mann, Heinrich Mann, etc.

14 Chief Party Office:

He deals with applications for party membership, conducts solemn admission of new party members, supervises special party indoctrination such as political training of all commanders. Each officers' club and the "House for Officers" in Cottbus has a party office.

15 Military Band:

The band gives concerts in NVA/Luft quarters, towns, and big plants.

16 NVA/Luft Printing and Publishing Section:

This section is in charge of the printing of political leaflets, the official bulletin "Der Kampfflieger" (The Combat Pilot), posters, formulars, but no service manuals.

17 Classified Material Section:

This section is in charge of the classified material of the Main Section Polit.

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Main Section Air Engineer Service

Legend:

Highest technical headquarters of NVA/Luft, headed by the chief engineer of NVA/Luft, and charged with control of all air technical equipment and training within NVA/Luft.

1 Chief Engineer of NVA/Luft:

He gives technical directives to Rear Services, Technical Section, and Sub-Section Air Technical Service. He is also in charge of Main Section and supervises the activities of section chiefs.

2 Deputy Chief Engineer:

He is charged with external duties, control of units, liaison with aircraft and engine plants.

3 Chief of Technical Training:

His functions include the set up of training plans, control of technical training with the air technical school and wings. After the arrival of equipment, he also convenes all technical instructors and wing engineers for instruction on the operation and maintenance of equipment.

4 Chief of Technical "Cabinets":

He is responsible for equipment and supply of all technical "cabinets" assigned to NVA/Luft. The technical "cabinets" are provided with cross sections of engines, Yak-11 and MIG-15 aircraft, etc.

5 Deputy for Repairs:

He is responsible for all aircraft repairs and salvage of crashed aircraft, and investigation into possible technical problems. He is also chairman of the commission in charge of the acceptance of aircraft after major repairs, presumably general overhauling. His authorities also cover extensions on flying hours of airframes and engines.

6 Chief of Repair Brigade:

He is in charge of the repair brigade, the strength of which is unknown. The brigade carries out repairs in cases in which no specialists and no other installations are available.

7 Chief Engineer for Armament:

He is responsible for all armament and bombing installations in aircraft.

8 Chief Engineer for Radio Equipment:

He is responsible for all airborne radio equipment. (Ground radio sets are under the control of the Chief of Signal Equipment.)

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- 9 Chief Engineer for Special and Electro Equipment:
He is responsible for work by all NVA/Luft personnel on special and electro equipment and all work connected with special electro equipment and oxygen devices.
- 10 Flight Technician of Leading Flight:
No details are available.
- 11 Chief of Central Workshop:
He is responsible for general overhaul and repair of aircraft which are trucked to the repair shop and, after repair, are flown back to post by pilots. He is also in charge of repairs on electro special and oxygen equipment which cannot be repaired with the resources available with units. During time of repair, units receive temporary or permanent replacement.
- 12 Senior Engineer of Division and School:
No details on duties are available.
- 13 Senior Engineer for Repairs:
He has the same functions as the Deputy for Repairs.
- 14 Chief of Repair Brigade:
For functions, see No 6.
- 15 Senior Engineer for Armament:
He has the same functions as the Chief Engineer for Armament.
- 16 Senior Engineer for Radio Equipment
He has the same functions as the Chief Engineer for Radio Equipment.
- 17 Senior Engineer for Special Equipment:
He has the same functions as the Chief Engineer for Special Equipment.
- 18 Flight Technician:
No details are available.
- 19 Chief of Workshop:
He is responsible for repairs on aiming devices (repairs on this line by units are strictly prohibited), forwarding of equipment to optical plant in Zeis, and also for repairs on armament, bombing devices, ejector seats and machine-gun cameras which cannot be carried out by units.

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- 20 Wing Engineer:
No details on his functions are available.
- 21 Engineer for Maintenance and Repair:
He supervises maintenance work on aircraft equipment, order stops and dismantling of devices, and gives permission on extended running time of equipment. He also controls repairs beyond the scope of units.
- 22 Chief of Repair Brigade:
He has the same functions as No 6.
- 23 Engineer for Armament:
No details on his functions are available.
- 24 Engineer for Radio Equipment:
No details on his functions are available.
- 25 Engineer for Electro Special Equipment:
He is responsible for aircraft electro equipment, such as altimeters, speedometers, turn and bank indicators, storage batteries, etc.
- 26 Senior Technician for Photos:
No details on his functions are available.
- 27 Flight Technician of Leading Flight:
No details on his functions are available.
- 28 Chief of Mobile Workshop:
No details on his functions are available.
- 29 Engineer of Squadron:
No details on his functions are available.
- 30 Senior Technician for Repairs:
He has the same functions as No 21.
- 31 Senior Technician for Oxygen:
He has the same functions as No 9.
- 32 Flight Technician:
He is in charge of aircraft technicians and aircraft mechanics.

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Sections Subordinate to Chief of Staff NVA/Luft

Legend:

1. Staff Operations:

Chief:

The chief is responsible for operational training and command of NVA/Luft.

- a. Two senior officers and four section officers are in charge of the preparations of instruction material for strategic and tactical training of officers. They are also responsible for strategic-tactical records during action (filling in of maps and journals)

b. Classified Material Office:

This office keeps records and files of orders and other classified material for strategic-tactical commitment of NVA/Luft.

c. Classified Material Library:

This office keeps schematic sketches and other instruction material for strategic-tactical training and commitment.

2. Staff Navigation:

Chief:

The chief navigation officer is responsible for navigational training and commitment, as well as for time service.

a. Navigational Control:

Controls navigational training with units and navigational activity during practices and maneuvers.

b. Map Office:

This office is responsible for map material of NVA/Luft and distributes maps to units.

c. Topographic Service:

This section is responsible for new entries and changes on maps as for instance in case of the construction of new airfields, depots, etc., as well as new streetcar lines, railroad lines, canals.

d. Fighter Control Point:

The fighter control point leads fighter formations in the air and directs aircraft to targets using chart tables. The evaluators enter data on chart tables.

e. Classified Material Office:

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This office keeps the classified material of Staff Navigation.

3. Staff Flight Inspection:

Chief:

The chief controls air technical activity.

a. Flight Inspectors:

They control the steering technique of all pilots up to division commander; each pilot is tested at least once per month.

b. Aerodynamics:

This section is responsible for the drawing up of directives on aerodynamics, instruction on aerodynamic problems, and mainly studies the effects on flight and flight technique of aerodynamic laws. For these studies, a so-called "smoke canal" is available, which is a chamber, about 50 cm deep, consisting of glass walls. The rear wall is a black plate with holes for nails to which cross sections of wings can be attached. Dark air is pressed into the smoke canal so that the movement can be seen on the cross sections on which movements of the rudder can also be made. Smaller smoke canals, approximately the size of a suitcase, are available with all fighter wings.

c. Aircraft Control Section:

This section is responsible for directives on routine flying operations and aircraft control, such as regulations on "The flying with Yak-11s."

d. Cloud Flight "Cabinet":

The "cabinet" contained a model airfield 5 x 2.5 meters with installations for blind landing practices and a link trainer with the same equipment as in a regular aircraft cabin. The pilot has to operate the steering equipment without visibility, each angular movement of the control surface moving the cabin. In the cloud flight "cabinet", so-called "instruction method" training courses were held which usually lasted one month. All divisions are to be equipped with such cloud flight "cabinet".

e. Air Gunnery and Bombing:

This section is responsible for directives on, and material for, air gunnery and bombing, and controls training activity and firing ranges of individual units. The firing range of the 8th Ftr Wing was known to be located near Hirschwinkel, 8 km south of Jocksdorf. A second firing range was located near Lieberose and a third one near Nochten. Each wing was equipped with training equipment for air gunnery.

f. Classified Material Office:

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This office is in charge of the classified material of the section.

g. Classified Material Library:

This office is in charge of classified material such as pamphlets, printed material, books, etc.

4. Staff Cadre:

Chief:

The chief is responsible for the assignment of officers.

a. Assistant:

He is responsible for personnel files.

b. Classified Material Office:

This office is in charge of all classified material of the Cadre Section.

5. Staff Organization, Records, and Registration:

Chief:

The chief is responsible for the registration of all noteworthy events with the NVA/Luft, chronicles, personnel files of all sub-leaders and soldiers, and mail.

a. Office:

The office is responsible for the general registration of incoming and outgoing mail, the typewriter room and for files of all "open service regulations".

b. Chief's Office:

Anteroom of Chief NVA/Luft.

c. Special Affairs:

This office is responsible for the registration in 2 lists and processing of all special events, such as aircraft catastrophes, mutiny, crimes, desertions. List 1 contains notes on special affairs which must be immediately forwarded to the HQ NVA through signal communication channels.

d. Records:

This office keeps records of personal data of all sub-leaders and soldiers.

e. Chronicle:

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This section keeps 1-year-chronicles on the history of the NVA/Luft from its establishment to the present time. The smallest unit to keep a chronicle is the independent battalion (air technical battalion) or wing. The chronicles [redacted]

[redacted] copy must be forwarded to the Chronicle Section of the HQ NVA/Luft by February 1 of the following year.

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f. Archives:

The archives stores files of personal data of deceased personnel, which were not sent to the Kreis Kommando, documents older than 2 years that must be preserved, and one copy of each edition of the periodical "The Combat Pilot".

g. Classified Material Office:

This office records and stores the classified material of the section.

h. Classified Material Library:

This office keeps files of printed classified material, such as pamphlets, books, etc.

i. Mail Office:

This office is responsible for the registration of incoming and outgoing mail of the staff and all sections. Mail is partly sent by courier and partly by postal service.

6. Staff Parachute Service:

Chief:

The chief is responsible for the parachute service within the NVA/Luft.

a. Parachute Control:

This section is responsible both for parachute training of flying personnel and maintenance of parachutes. Officers control parachute training and make test jumps with new parachutes. Parachute jumps were made in Neuhausen south of Cottbus.

b. Parachute Registration:

This office keeps files of available parachutes with record numbers.

7. Staff Signal Communication:

Chief:

The chief is responsible for signal communications within the NVA/Luft

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including ground-to-air communications, but not including air-to-ground and air-to-air communications.

a. Radar Chief:

He is responsible for radar service from the ground. At present, only radar stations equipped with model P-8 IFF sets are available.

b. Radio Chief:

He is responsible for radio communications including teletype and radio photography.

c. Telephone Chief:

He is responsible for telephone and teletype service as well as loudspeaker installations. He also controls work in telephone or teletype installations performed by members of the postal telecommunication service.

d. Storage Depot:

The depot in Cottbus stores and keeps files of signal equipment.

e. Classified Material Office:

This office is in charge of all classified material of the section.

f. Courier Service:

This section has to make available personnel and vehicles for courier service, fixes courier routes, and exchanges classified material in accordance with service regulation No 10/9.

g. Army Postal Service:

This office has to make preparations for the mail service in case of war

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8. Staff Enciphering Service:

Chief:

The chief is responsible for enciphering all classified material forwarded by radio, teletype or courier. He is also responsible for the entire enciphering service, in particular for the list of code names and call numbers of flying personnel.

a. Enciphering Officers:

They are responsible for enciphering and deciphering, and the

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tabulations for the enciphering service.

b. Classified Material Office:

This office is responsible for classified material of the enciphering service.

9. Staff Reconnaissance:

Chief:

The chief is responsible for the collection of enemy reconnaissance data and for the employment of reconnaissance.

a. Assistants of Chief:

They evaluate reconnaissance reports received from the Main Staff NVA which in turn receives data only from the Soviet Military Administration.

b. Photo Laboratory:

This laboratory is responsible for the developing of aerial photographs and photostats.

c. Evaluators:

They evaluate aerial photographs.

10. Staff Interpreters:

The chief interpreter, a woman, is section chief and interpreter for Russian with the Chief of NVA/Luft. She is responsible for all translations into German and into foreign languages. For the time being, only interpreters for Russian, English and French are available.

a. Interpreters for Russian:

b. Interpreters for English and French

11. Staff Nuclear Protective Service:

This section is responsible for the organization of ABC defense.

Chief:

The chief is responsible for nuclear protective service and training in ABC defense within NVA/Luft.

a. Nuclear Protection Company:

This is a central training unit under supervision of the chief of nuclear protective service. Until February 1957, the protection company numbered only 25 to 30 men who were equipped with some actinometers. This company is scheduled to be organized and equipped

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as follows:

Washing and deactivating center equipped with:

- Water trucks with water warming devices
- Showers and tents for changing clothes
- Washing devices for motor vehicles
- Tank trucks for deactivating clothes and equipment
- Equipment for deactivating aircraft
- Protective clothing for personnel of deactivating center

Several teams for the measuring of radiation, equipped with:

- 3 different types of Soviet-made sets for Alpha, Beta and Gamma rays; at present, only one type similar to the Geiger counter is available. Signal flags for staking off the contaminated areas indicating the degrees of contamination according to Roentgen units (Rh), 100 Rh, 50 Rh, 1 Rh, and 1/10 Rh
- Protective clothing lined with lead tissue

Chemical observers equipped with:

- Signal flags similar to those used by the teams for the measuring of radiation
- Special equipment, no details available
- Protective clothing

Supply platoon equipped with:

- Protective masks
- Protective suits
- Protective capes
- Protective devices

At full strength, the nuclear protection company will number about 140 men.

b. Nuclear Protecting Officers:

They are assigned as inspectors to units for controlling protective training and protective equipment.

c. Storage Depot:

The depot in Cottbus stored protective clothing, protective devices, and instruction material. This depot was too small and, therefore, was scheduled to be considerably enlarged.

12. Staff Dispatcher and Air Control Service:

This section is responsible for the organization and control of air traffic in the Soviet zone. All flights of NVA/Luft must be announced at, and confirmed by, the flight control section with the Soviet main dispatcher in Werder on the preceding day.

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a. **Warning Service:**

This service transmits warnings to all aircraft aloft and all airfields in case of catastrophes, such as storms, thunderstorms, etc. It organizes search and rescue service if aircraft got lost, and organizes aid from the air in case of aircraft catastrophes. All aircraft catastrophes must be reported as R-Avio call to the warning service in Cottbus, telephone No 2300. This telephone number has repeatedly been published in newspapers since also civilian persons are obliged to report air catastrophes to the warning service. All NVA/Luft units are warned when enemy aircraft enter the zone.

b. **Flight Records:**

This sub-section keeps records on all flights, aircraft catastrophes and balloons shot down by NVA/Luft units.

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c. **Dispatcher Service:**

The dispatchers daily enter all flights into tabulations, control all communications between aircraft and airfields during air activity and, if necessary, cut in on this communication. The tabulations must be daily submitted to the chief of staff.

13. **Staff Training:**

This staff is in charge of the organization and control of all training activity.

Chief:

The chief is responsible for central control of training and holds briefings with the chief instructors of the units.

a. **Planning:**

This sub-section is responsible for the training program for operational units, schools, training courses, instructive methodical training, and staff training.

b. **Records and Reports:**

This sub-section keeps records on all types of training, including flight training, makes reports on training activity and forwards these reports to Main Staff NVA.

c. **Sports:**

This sub-section is responsible for regulations for sports and preliminary sport for flight personnel, procures sport equipment, establishes sport fields and obstacle courses

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and holds training courses.

d. Military Training:

This sub-section issues training manuals for military training and holds training courses.

e. Training in Firing:

This sub-section controls and supervises training in firing of NVA/Luft units, issues manuals and directives, and is responsible for the maintenance of firing ranges.

f. Draftsmen:

They make drawings for the training manuals.

g. Classified Material Office:

This office is responsible for the classified material of the section.

h. Classified Material Library:

This office keeps files of classified material, such as pamphlets, books, and other printed material.

14. Staff Meteorological Service:

This is the central weather service for the NVA/Luft.

Chief:

The chief is the personal advisor of the Chief NVA/Luft in meteorological questions.

a. Meteorologists:

They conduct weather reconnaissance in connection with meteorological stations both of NVA/Luft and on the civilian sector. Weather balloons are used. Weather data are transmitted every 90 minutes.

b. Weather Technicians:

They are responsible for weather reconnaissance and weather forecast in large areas, draw sunoptical weather and temperature charts.

c. Archives:

The archives stores all weather and temperature charts.

d. Weather Radio Operators and Weather Teletypists:

They maintain radio and teletype connection with all civilian

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weather stations of the NVA and NVA/Luft, as well as with Soviet headquarters.

e. Draftsmen:

They draw schematic sketches, weather and temperature charts based on data received from weather technicians.

15. Staff Classified Material:

This section keeps records on all classified material of NVA/Luft and stores classified material of the staff which is not stored with individual sections.

a. Central Classified Material Office:

This office stores all classified material concerning the Chief of NVA/Luft and the chief of staff.

b. Courier Office of Classified Material Section:

This office forwards classified material of the entire staff; the classified material locked bags and sealed envelopes is handed over to the couriers of the signal communication section.

c. Central Classified Material Library:

This office keeps records on all classified material such as pamphlets and books of NVA/Luft; at least one copy of each printed document is available. The office also stores files of all classified material older than 2 years.

The Staff Classified Material distributes the official seals issued by the Main Staff NVA. The Classified Material Section of the Main Staff NVA employs engravers and has a seal factory in Berlin. The official seals are forwarded by courier from the Classified Material Section of the NVA/Luft to the classified material sections of the individual units where they are kept under lock and key.

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Attachment A: NVA/Luft and Air Defense
" B: NVA/Luft
" C: Rear Services
" D: Main Political Section
" E: Main Section Air Engineer Service
" F: Sections Subordinate to the Chief of Staff, NVA/Luft
" G: First Fighter Division
" H: Third Fighter Division
" I: First Fighter Division Headquarters
" J: Third Fighter Division Headquarters
" K: MFS and Soviet Advisors' Control of Fighter Division
" L: Fighter Wing
" M: Sections Subordinate to the Chief of Rear Services
" N: Fifth Air Technical Battalion

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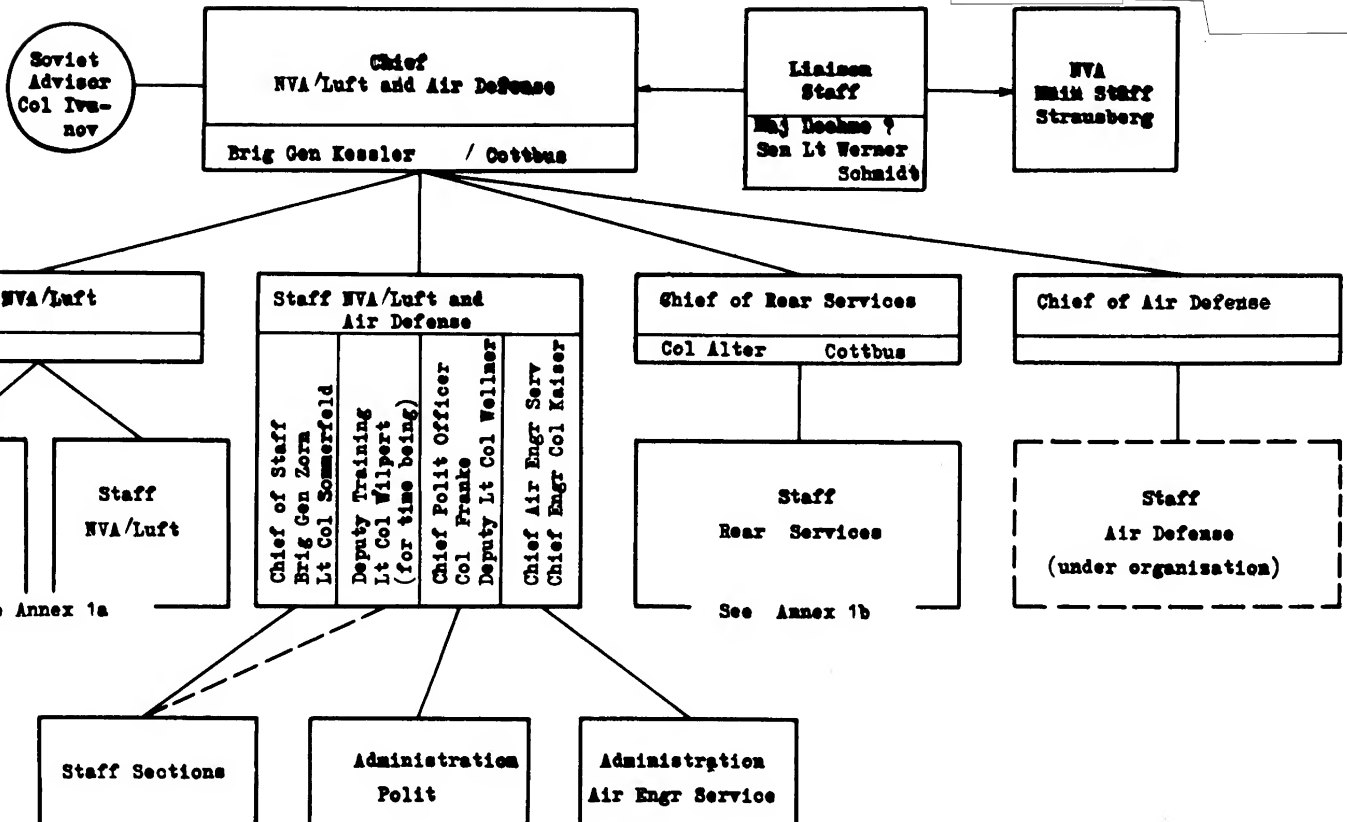
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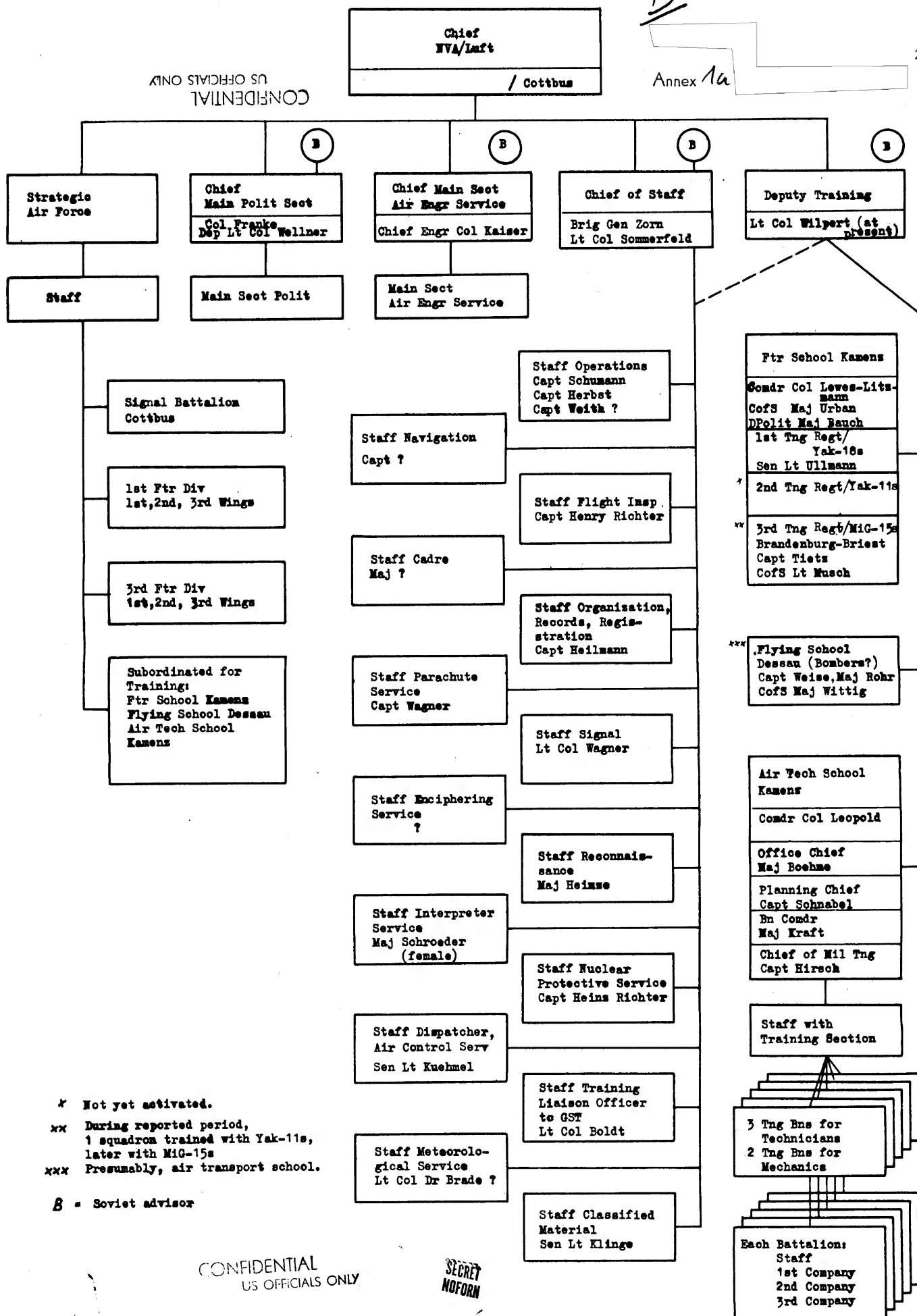
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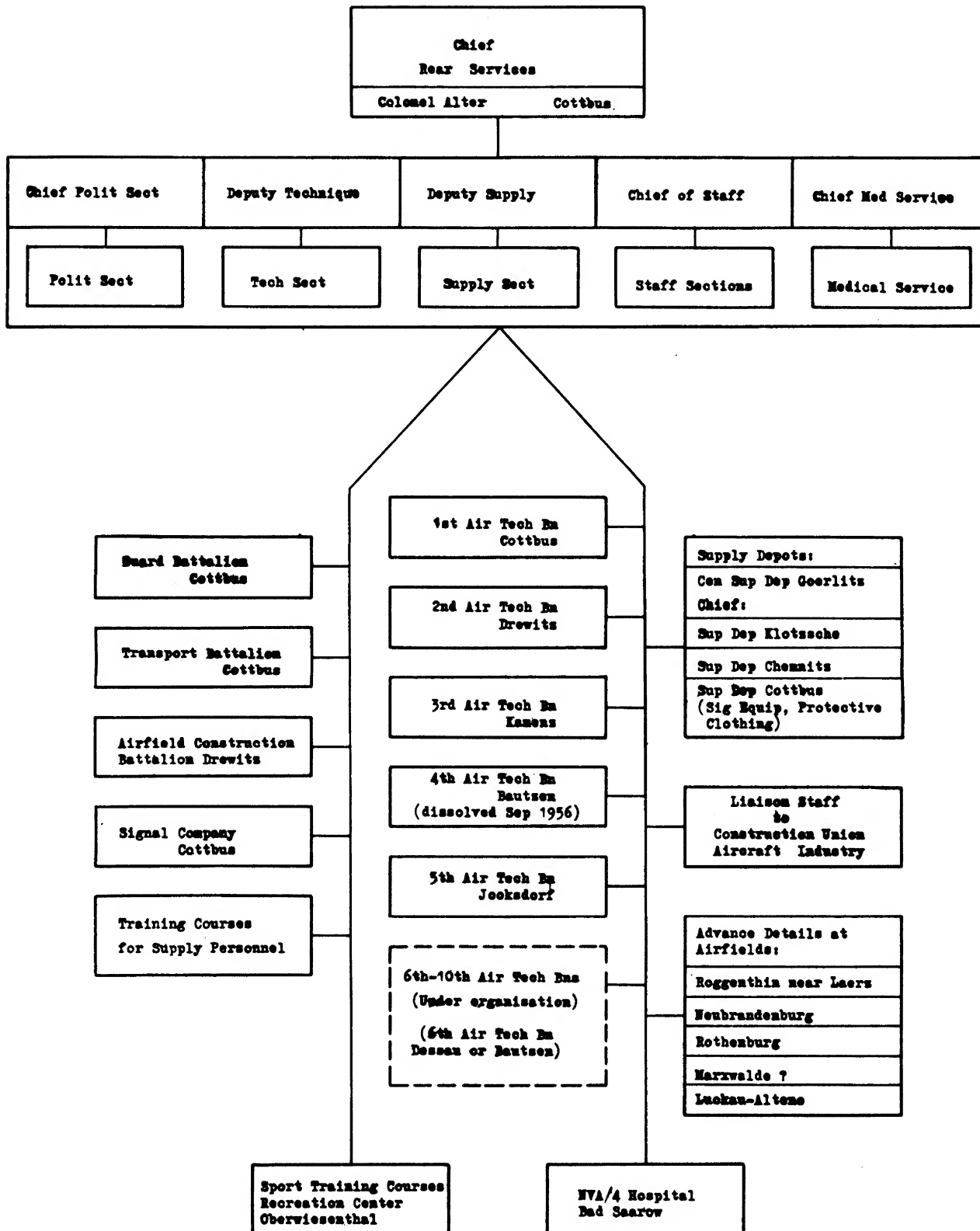
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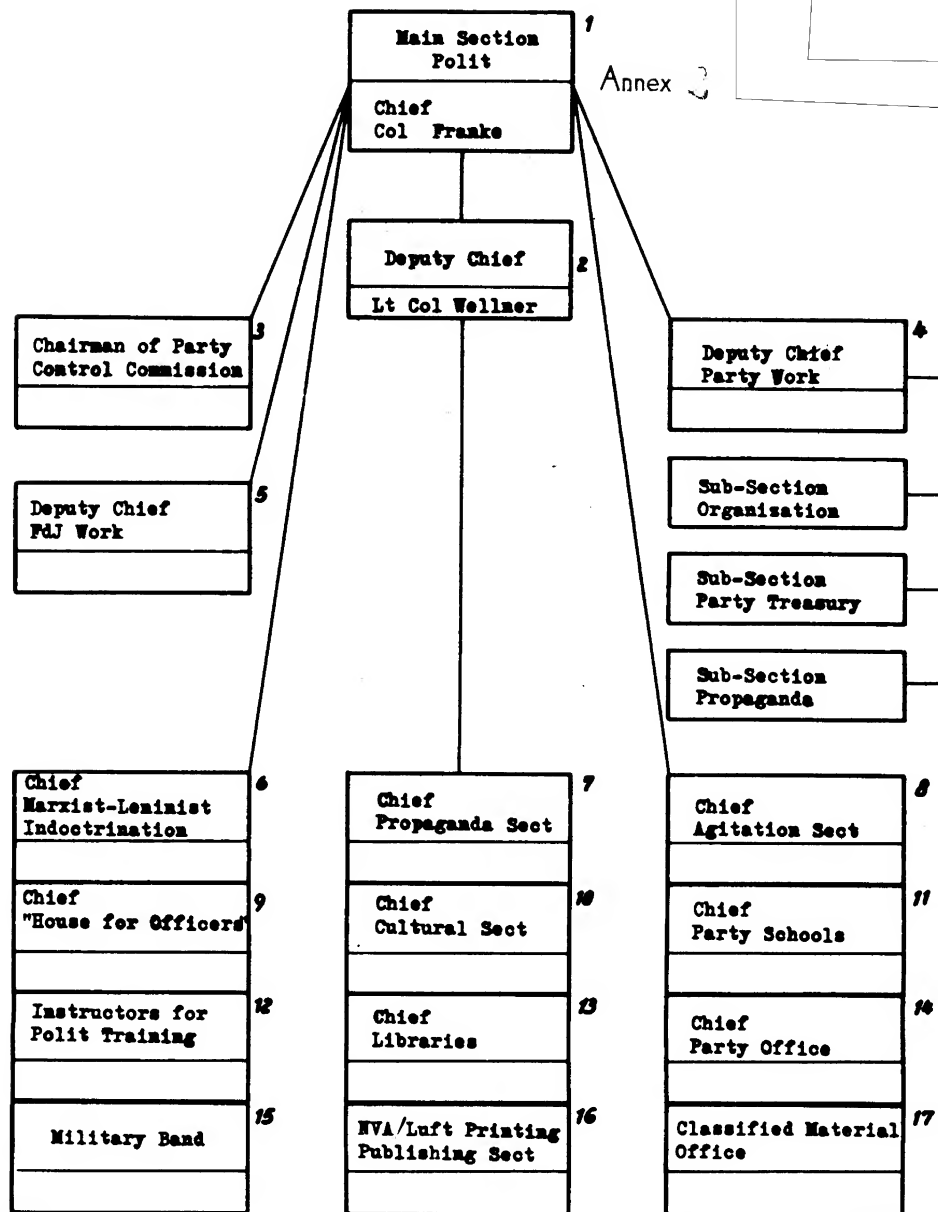
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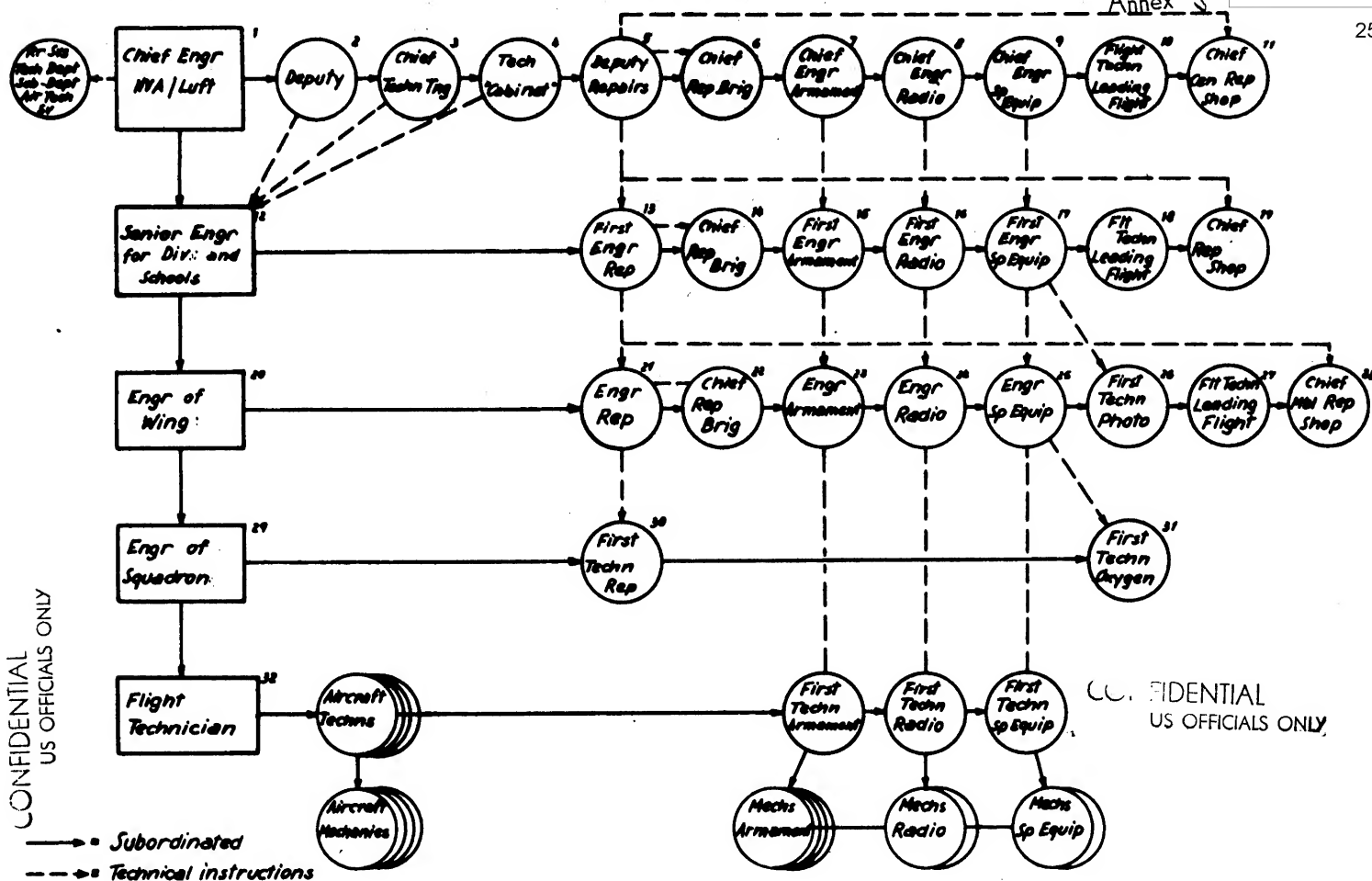
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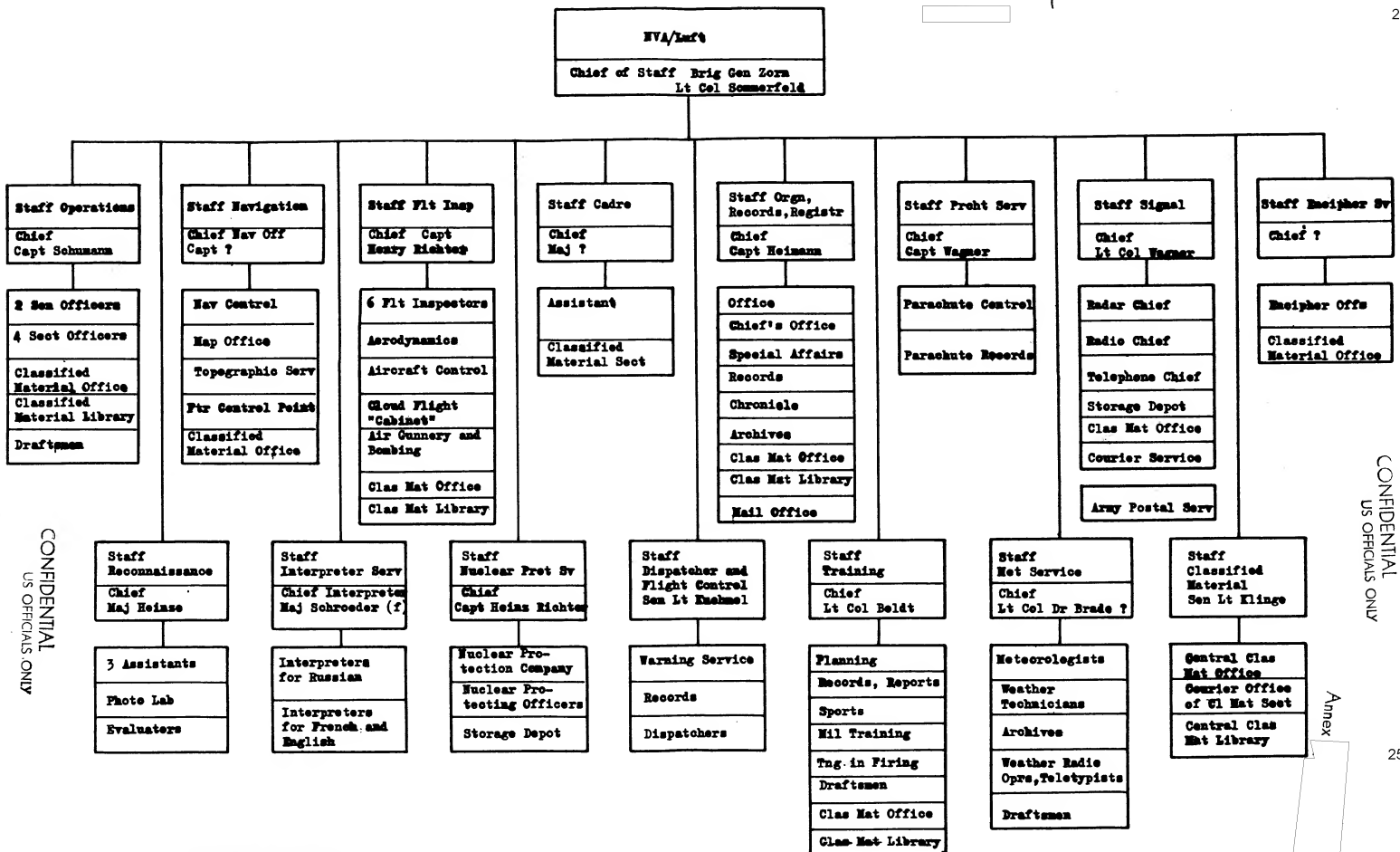
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| 1st Wing Cottbus | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Commander Capt Kuhn | Chief of Staff |
| Gen Deputy | Operations Off Capt Henschel |
| Engineer | Signal Officer |
| Ordnance Engr | Navigation Off |
| Radio Engineer | Officer Air Gunnery, Bombing |
| Sp Electro Engineer | Party Secretary |
| Repair Engr | PdJ Secretary |
| Workshop Chief | Propagandist |
| Chief Cadre Sect | Deputy Polit Off |
| Chief Classified Material Sect | Liaison Officer to MfS |
| Sport Officer | |

| 2nd Wing Cottbus | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Commander | Chief of Staff |
| Gen Deputy | Operations Off Sen Lt Heinse |
| Engineer | Signal Officer |
| Ordnance Engr | Navigation Off |
| Radio Engineer | Officer Air Gunnery, Bombing |
| Sp Electro Engineer | Party Secretary |
| Repair Engr | PdJ Secretary |
| Workshop Chief | Propagandist |
| Chief Cadre Sect | Deputy Polit Off |
| Chief Classified Material Sect | Liaison Officer to MfS |
| Sport Officer | |

| 3rd Wing Cottbus | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Commander | Chief of Staff |
| Gen Deputy | Operations Off Sen Lt Kegel |
| Engineer | Signal Officer |
| Ordnance Engr | Navigation Off |
| Radio Engineer | Officer Air Gunnery, Bombing |
| Sp Electro Engineer | Party Secretary |
| Repair Engr | PdJ Secretary |
| Workshop Chief | Propagandist |
| Chief Cadre Sect | Deputy Polit Off |
| Chief Classified Material Sect | Liaison Officer to MfS |
| Sport Officer | |

| 1st Sq | 2nd Sq | 3rd Sq |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Commander | Commander | Commander |
| Deputy Polit Off | Deputy Polit Off | Deputy Polit Off |
| Chief of Staff | Chief of Staff | Chief of Staff |
| Nav Officer | Nav Officer | Nav Officer |
| Engineer | Engineer | Engineer |

| 1st Sq | 2nd Sq | 3rd Sq |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Commander | Commander | Commander |
| Deputy Polit Off | Deputy Polit Off | Deputy Polit Off |
| Chief of Staff | Chief of Staff | Chief of Staff |
| Nav Officer | Nav Officer | Nav Officer |
| Engineer | Engineer | Engineer |

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| Nav Officer | Nav Officer | Nav Officer |
| Engineer | Engineer | Engineer |

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3rd Pzr Div
 Commander Lt Col Reinhold (USSR)
 Gen Deputy Maj Lange (commander
 at present)

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| 7th Wing Drewitz | |
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| Commander Maj Reuter | Chief of Staff Sen Lt Kluge |
| Gen Deputy | Operations Off Sen Lt Dell |
| Engineer Capt Hennemann (Engr) | Signal Officer |
| Ordnance Engr | Navigation Off |
| Radio Engineer | Officer Air Gunnery, Bombing |
| Sp Electro Engr | Party Secretary |
| Repair Engr | PdJ Secretary |
| Workshop Chief | Propagandist |
| Chief Cadre Sect | Deputy Polit Off |
| Chief Classified Material Sect | Liaison Officer to MfS |
| Sport Officer | |

| 8th Wing Jocksdorf | |
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| Commander Capt Brandt | Chief of Staff Sen Lt Konczak |
| Gen Deputy Sen Lt Funk | Operations Off Sen Lt Gerhard Kaiser |
| Engineer Capt Diehm (Engr) | Signal Officer Sen Lt Schröder |
| Ordnance Engr Sen Lt Kasper (?) | Navigation Off Sen Lt Kresse |
| Radio Engineer Lt Gatsmange (Engr) | Officer Air Gunnery, Bombing Sen Lt Teisen- roth |
| Sp Electro Engr Lt Krahnefuss (Engr) | Party Secretary Lt Kleinenhagen |
| Repair Engr Sen Lt Honesch (Engr) | PdJ Secretary Lt Schmandt |
| Workshop Chief Lt Roland Schnei- der | Propagandist Capt Prager |
| Chief Cadre Sect Lt Lohrmann | Deputy Polit Off |
| Chief Classified Material Sect MSGt Anita Grosse | Liaison Officer to MfS Lt Grosse |
| Sport Officer Lt Ohm | |

| 9th Wing Drewitz | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Commander Maj Doerl | Chief of Staff Capt Selig |
| Gen Deputy Sen Lt Koehler | Operations Off Capt Tegel |
| Engineer Capt Baustian | Signal Officer Capt Lehmann |
| Ordnance Engr | Navigation Off Sen Lt Merkel |
| Radio Engineer | Officer Air Gunnery, Bombing |
| Sp Electro Engr | Party Secretary |
| Repair Engr | PdJ Secretary |
| Workshop Chief | Propagandist |
| Chief Cadre Sect | Deputy Polit Off Capt Heinrich |
| Chief Classified Material Sect | Liaison Officer to MfS |
| Sport Officer | |

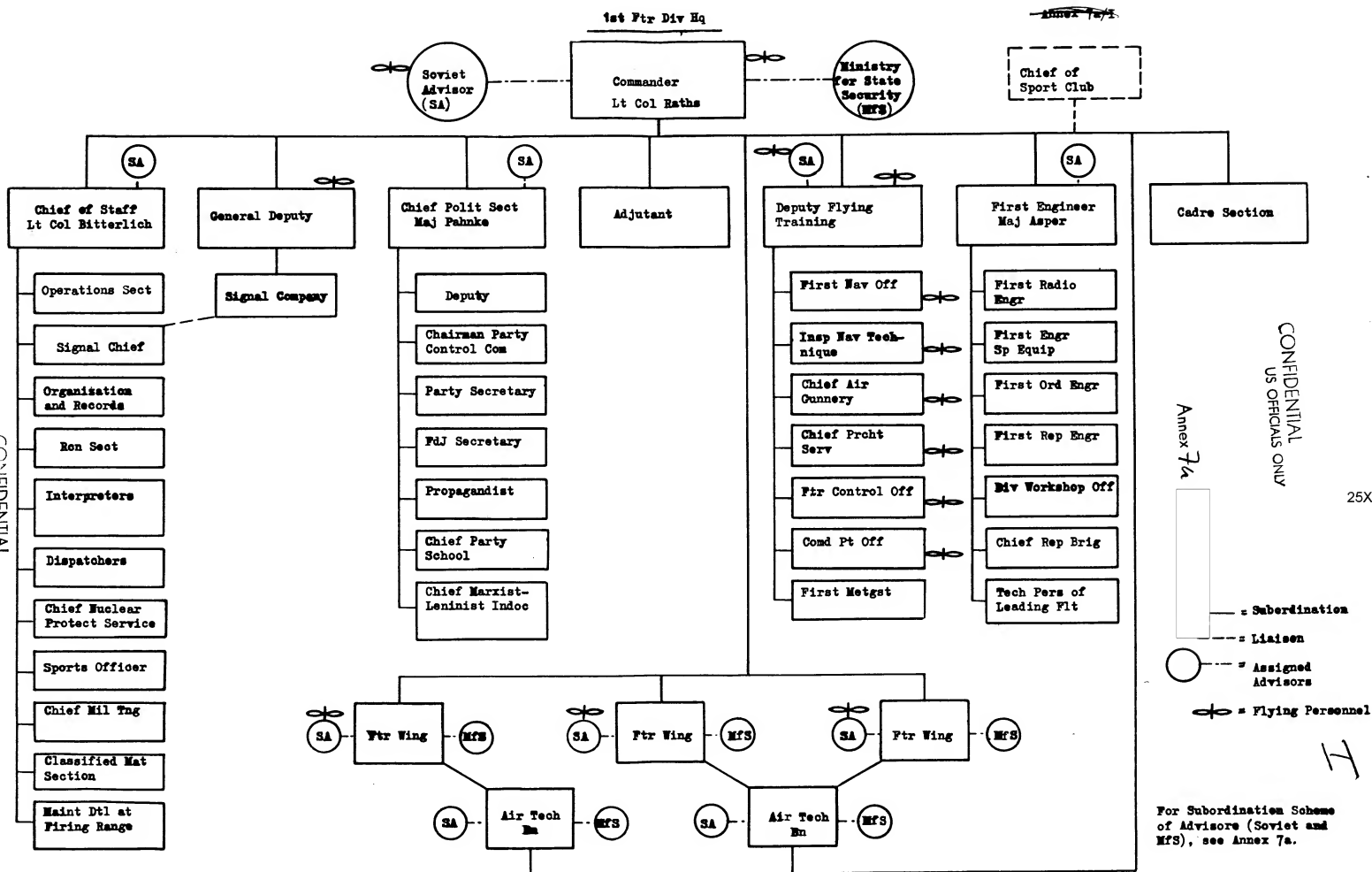
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| Nav Officer | Nav Officer | Nav Officer |
| Engineer | Engineer | Engineer |

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| Commander Sen Lt Heffmann | Commander Sen Lt Wolff | Commander Sen Lt Fischer |
| Deputy Polit Off Sen Lt Retzer | Deputy Polit Off Sen Lt Friedrich | Deputy Polit Off Sen Lt Karsch |
| Chief of Staff | Chief of Staff Lt Deckert | Chief of Staff Lt Grauer |
| Nav Officer Sen Lt Basedow | Nav Officer Sen Lt Hamilton | Nav Officer |
| Engineer Lt Rissa | Engineer Lt Hahn | Engineer Lt Loehn |

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| Commander | Commander | Commander |
| Deputy Polit Off | Deputy Polit Off | Deputy Polit Off |
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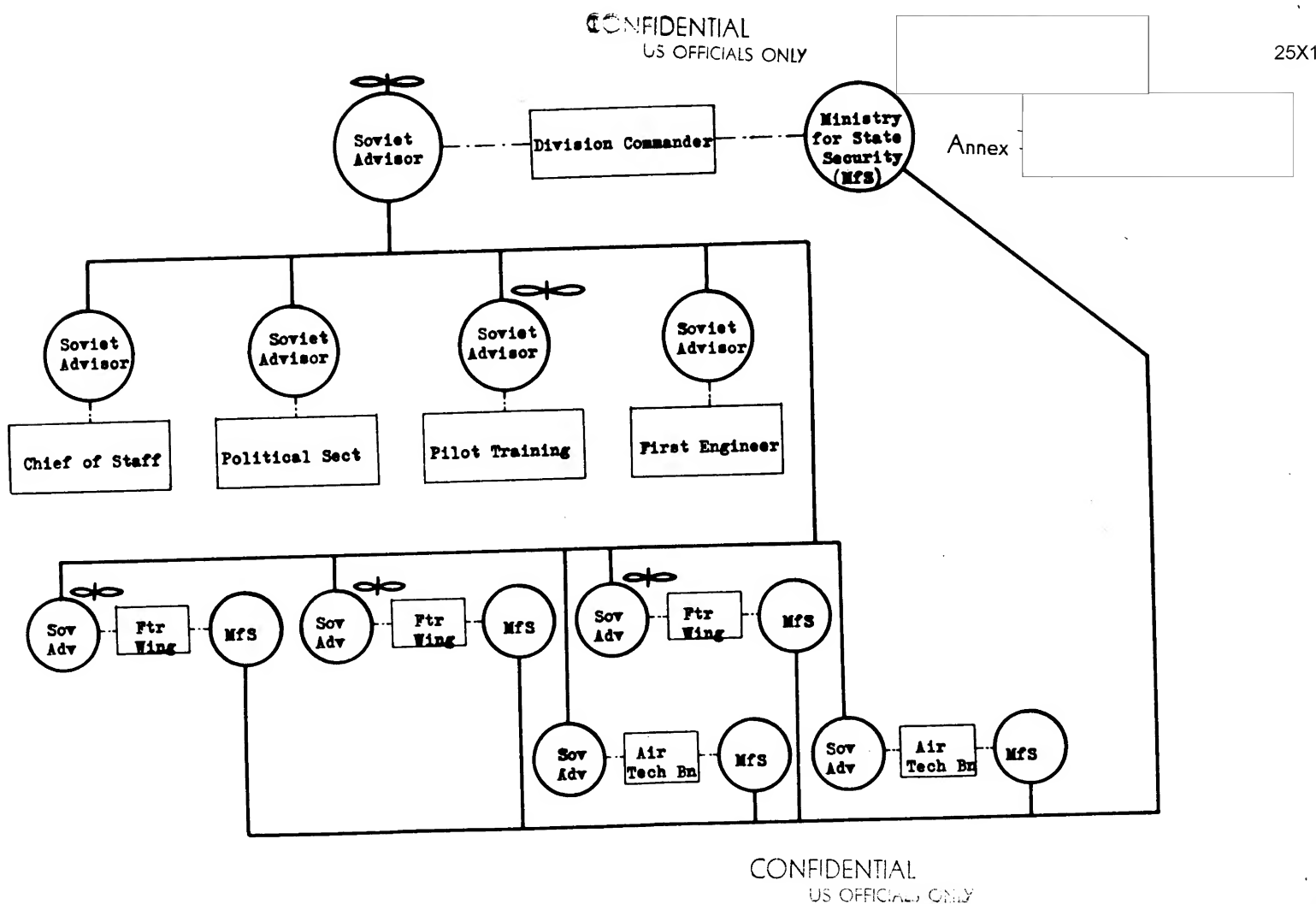
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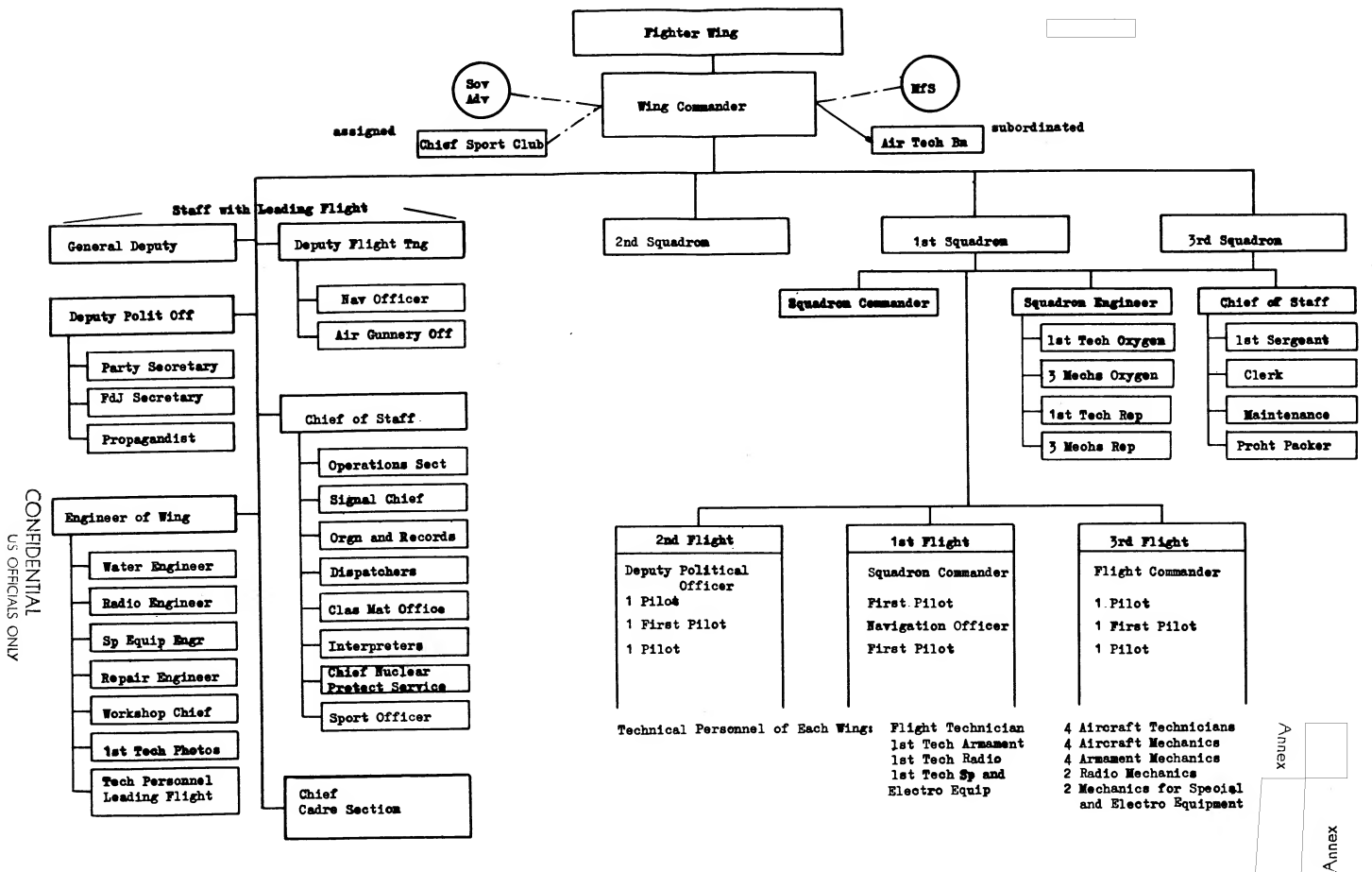


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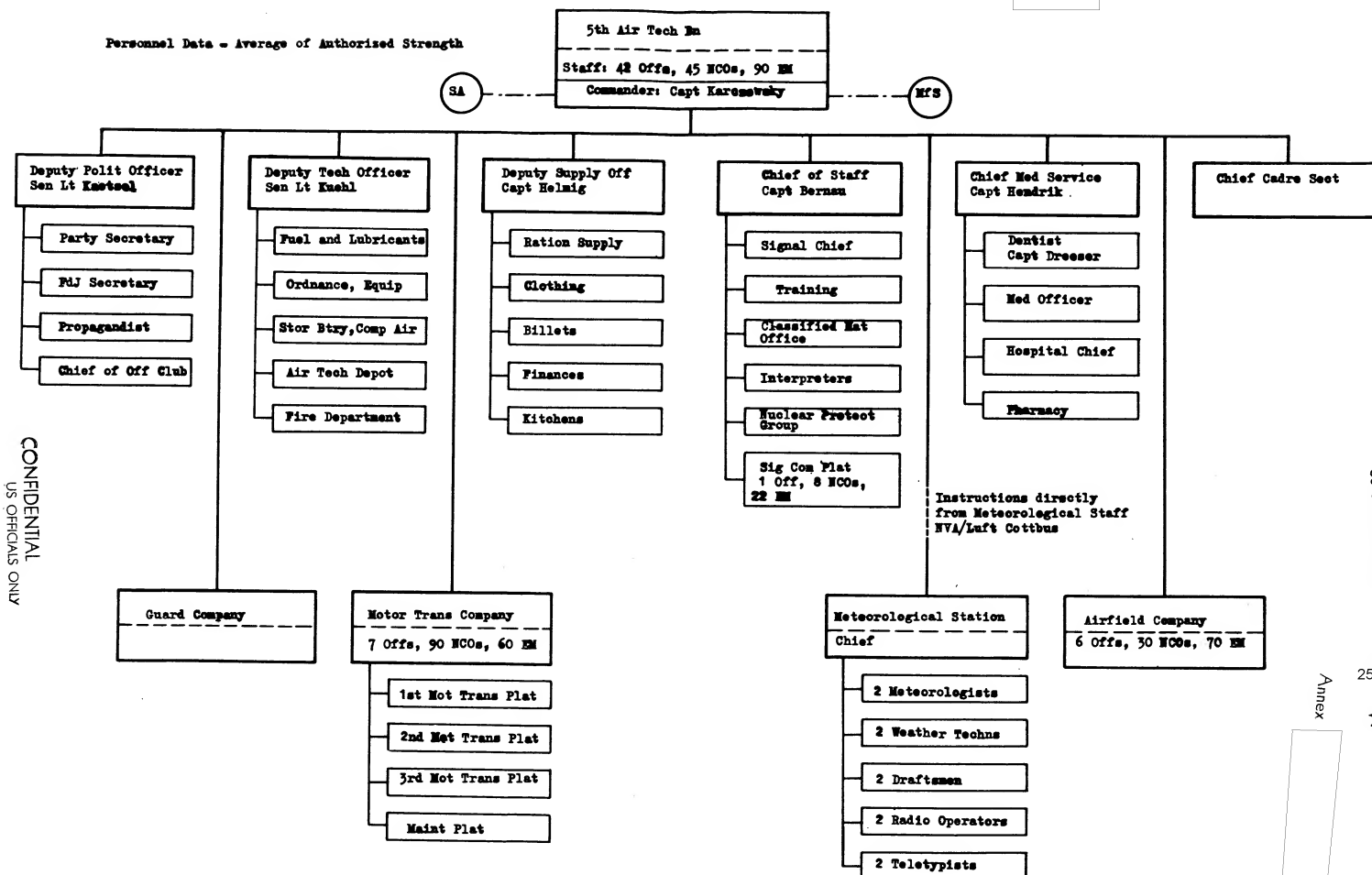


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